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Agawam voters boost Republican wins

Town backs Baker, Humason, Boldyga; Casino repeal, gas tax both defeated locally, statewide

By Michael J. Ballway

Turley Publications Staff Writer

In a relatively good year for Massachusetts Republicans, Agawam voters backed the GOP by a wide margin, helping re-elect state Sen. Donald Humason and state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, and delivering key votes to Gov.-elect Charlie Baker.

Baker, the second-time candidate who won a close gubernatorial election by just 2 percentage points — about 40,000 votes out of more than 2 million cast statewide garnered a much larger margin at the top of the ballot in Agawam. He polled 5,778 votes in town, about 56 percent, against Demo-

cratic candidate Martha Coakley's to The Boston Globe. 3,148. In addition to winning the town as a whole, Baker won each individual precinct.

Because of the presence of three independent candidates for governor, Baker failed to win a majority of the votes cast statewide, ending up with about 48.5 percent to Coakley's 46.6 percent, according

One of those candidates, Evan Falchuk of the United Independent Party, garnered 837 votes (8 percent) in Agawam, easily outpacing the other two independents. Falchuk did better in several towns of greater Springfield than he did in the state as a whole, where he finished with 3.3 percent of the vote.

Agawam reached the same result as the statewide vote on the four ballot questions: Yes-No-No-

On the repeal of the law that would automatically raise gas taxes with the Consumer Price Index, Agawam voted "no," 5,480 to 4,457, a slightly wider margin

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles brothers Liam, 3, and James Fydenkevez, 5, made memories collecting candy together. See more pho-

'Express' Y opens in plaza

By Michael J. Ballway

Turley Publications Staff Writer

Kirk Smith will tell you that the YMCA is much more than a pool and a basketball

It's "the values of the YMCA, which truly is family, good morals and a sense of community," said Smith, the president and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Springfield at an Oct. 30 ribbon-cutting event.

That — along with fitness, wellness and community programs in a former retail space in Agawam Towne Square — is what will sustain Agawam's first YMCA in more than four decades. The Agawam YMCA Wellness and Program Family Center, at 63 Springfield St., doesn't have a gym or a pool. It's believed to be the first of its kind in New England. Smith, who was a YMCA leader in the South before taking the reins of Western Massachusetts' largest network of YMCAs, said the idea of a "YMCA Express" has been successful in that part of the country.

"It makes the Y affordable, because pools and gyms are the biggest cost," Smith said.

If the Agawam family center proves to be a success, Smith said, the YMCA would consider building a full-service Y in town. He estimated that a full YMCA would need at least 3,000 members. At the end of October, a little more than a month after its "soft opening," the Agawam Y had more than 500 members.

"The best way to support the Y is to join the Y," said Smith.

In the meantime, the Agawam Y will partner with local public schools to offer swimming and gym time to its members. This continues the town's existing partnership with the Greater Springfield YMCA, which already helps with the town's recreational



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The Agawam YMCA is on Springfield Street celebrated its grand opening last Thursday.

sports leagues and provides lifeguards for Perry Lane Park.

Mayor Richard Cohen called last week's ceremony the culmination of "a lot of hard work for a lot of years."

"Today is a truly proud, momentous occasion for our community," Cohen said. "A YMCA in your community says you have arrived, you care about education, wellness and family values in your community."

Cohen said he hadn't been much involved in the YMCA since his young days, when he went to Y camp, but "really fell in love" with the concept of bringing a YMCA to Agawam.

Charlie Alvanos, who chairs the Agawam Y's Advisory Board, and was, along with

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Student talks with veterans filed in Library of Congress

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

When Sarah Kamukala, an Advanced Placement history student at Agawam High School, learned she was going to have to complete another big project before the end of the school year, she was just ready to be done.

Little did she know the simple stories coming from a veteran of the United States military was going to have such a big impact, and that Kamukala and 16 others students would have their names voices, and work etched in history.

On Oct. 28, AP U.S. History teacher Mary Bonavita gave a presentation to the Agawam School Committee. At the meeting, she

detailed the living history project her class participated in, and announced that 17 of the 19 interviews conducted with veterans had been accepted by the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Those interviews will now be on file and will be accessible to anyone in the country who wants to learn more about the veterans that have served the country, protected freedom, and made a difference somewhere in the world.

Bonavita explained the AP history class is a very intensive fullyear course aimed at ambitious and advanced students. They receive college credit for taking the course. In early May, students in the class are required to take the AP exam, which is what students must pass to gain college credit for the course. It



Submitted photo

Sarah Kumukala interviews Eugene Fitzhenry, who served in Germany and flew as a "candy bomber" during the Berlin Airlft.

also serves as the "final exam" for the class.

ButtheschoolyearlastsuntilJune. "I wanted to look for something for the kids to do that would take us until the end of the school year," said Bonavita. "I wanted them to get a real experience in history." Bonavita said she was asked to a living history project and interview

with a veteran while she was in college. Bonavita majored in history and was hooked up with a veteran.

"I actually wish I could remember the name of the veteran I had interviewed," said Bonavita. "Talking with him made a big difference to me. I gained a new appreciation for the people that have served our country. When you hear their stories and learn what they went through first-hand, it makes such a bigger impact."

Bonavita introduced the project in April. She let the students know they would be required to complete a full interview with a veteran. Stu-

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Partners owners seek temporary home

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

It could be a while before Partners Restaurant is open for business again, but the owners of the longtime Agawam business are now looking to find a temporary location in the area for their employees and customers.

Partners owners Mark and Sue Tansey say they are exploring Agawam and surrounding towns to find a temporary space to locate their breakfast eatery. Sue Tansey says the task is very difficult.

"We cannot relocate to just any place," she said. "We need a place that can fit our needs with electrical and gas utilities. We need a lot of that to be able to operate all of our equipment."

The restaurant's former location at 485 Springfield St., the site of a Sept. 5 fire, will

be razed soon and the landlord of the building is planning to rebuild the restaurant using the same foundation. Tansey says rebuilding the restaurant was more cost effective than cleaning up the damage and doing repairs.

"What I have learned is electric smoke is very caustic and it led to a lot of bad damage to the floor and the building," said Tansey. "It made more sense for the landlord to rebuild."

The Tanseys have been working to clean out whatever they can salvage from the restaurant. The fire occurred in the basement of the building, but the smoke damage devastated a lot of the dining room, including ruining some priceless decorations and photographs.

'We have sponsored a lot of local sports teams in the past," said Tansey. "We are going to attempt to clean them, but some of them may be ruined."

loss downstairs, though a filing cabinet may have survived. The Tanseys are trying to get everything moved out as soon as possible so the building can be demolished and then re-

When the fire occurred on Sept. 5, the Tanseys believed they would be out of business for about three to six months. With the announcement the building will be completely rebuilt, Tansey says it could be much longer. She did say there is no question they will be

"No matter where we relocate temporarily, we will come back to this location in Agawam," said Tansey.

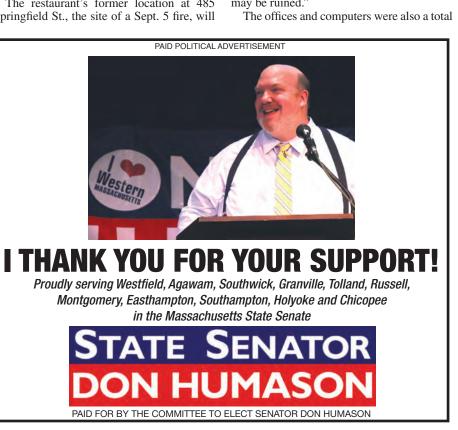
As of press time, Tansey says they have had a few possibilities for restaurant relocation, but nothing has worked out yet. She says reopening the eatery is important for the cus"Our customers have been very supportive of us," said Tansey. "They keep calling offering to help and ask us when we are reopening. We would like to find a temporary location so we can give our customers what they want and get our staff back to work."

Tansey says the restaurant has been very popular with the elderly population in town.

"We get a lot of people who will just come and look for a place to have some coffee and socialize," said Tansey.

The Tanseys were fortunate to work with Six Flags New England to keep their catering business going following the fire. Six Flags has closed for the winter and the Tanseys are still catering. They moved into First Baptist Church this week.

The Sept. 5 fire was ruled an electrical fire by the state fire marshal's office, which conducted the final investigation.







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Humason defeats Leahy, wins full two-year term

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

WESTFIELD — In what was a very interesting evening throughout the political landscape, it was a very quick night of sweating for state Sen. Donald Humason, R-Westfield, who was declared a winner in his attempt for a full term as the state senator in the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District.

Humason defeated Holyoke Police officer Patrick Leahy, his Democratic challenger, in Tuesday's election.

The two engaged in a very spirited campaign against one another. Leahy ran on a platform contending that Humason was underrepresenting the district.

The two engaged in nine debates. Both candidates agreed the number of debates was a positive experience and was eventually how voters made their decision.

"I don't think there was a race in the entire state that went through nine debates," said Humason. "The voters in our district certainly had many opportunities to get to know us and what we stand for."

Humason garnered 27,802 votes while Leahy received 21,268.

Leahy said he conceded the race at 8:27 p.m. on Tuesday night, saying he had volunteers out at every polling location throughout the 11-town and city district that stretches from Tolland up to Easthampton.

Specific numbers were not available by press time, but Humason said he declared vic-

tories in Southwick, Westfield and Agawam. He also captured many of the hilltowns, including Granville, Tolland and Montgomery. Leahy said his vote counters got victories in Holyoke and Easthampton, but the margin of victory in Westfield and Agawam was not enough for Leahy to overcome.

Speaking on Tuesday night, Humason said he had not seen all the numbers, but hoped he gained votes compared to last year in the Democratic-voting cities of Easthampton and Holvoke.

"I may not have won in either of those places, but I would like to have seen where I 'moved the ball' down the field in those places," said Humason.

Humason said it has been a pleasure to serve the residents in his larger district during the past year.

"I was used to serving just one community in Westfield for a long time," said Humason. "I have been really enjoying getting to know the people and their needs in the other communities I serve now. I am going to continue learn more about them and serve them the best way I can in the state senate."

Humason says he will continue to outline his goals by listening to the needs of his local boards of selectmen, mayors, and city councilors. He does not have a specific agenda, but say she will look at local aid to cities and towns and additional education funding as he starts a full two-year term in the senate.

Leahy congratulat-

ed Humason on his victory.
"I tip my hat to Don," said Leahy. "He ran
a great campaign. He debated me very well



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State Sen. Donald Humason shakes hands with Agawam City Councilor George Bitzas after he was declared a winner in Tuesday's election.

and I feel bad that I let down so many volunteers and donors that had put their trust in me"

Leahy did not say what his future political plans were at this time.

Humason thanked all of his volunteers for their hard work. He says they have not

stopped since last year.

"We had two elections in a year," said Humason. "There really was no resting for us."

Humason defeated Holyoke Democrat David Bartley in a special election last year to win the seat vacated by former Sen. Michael Knapik.

Boldyga handily beats DiSanti in state rep. race



Turley Publications photo by Michael J. Ballway

State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga stands with his wife, Jessica, son Grey, 3, daughter Avery, $1\frac{1}{2}$, and friends and supporters during a victory party at Roma Restaurant in Southwick on Tuesday.

By Michael J. Ballway Turley Publications Staff Writer

SOUTHWICK — Surrounded by family and supporters, Nicholas Boldyga hardly saw a moment's worry after the polls closed Tuesday.

The Republican state representative covering Agawam, Granville, Russell and his hometown of Southwick cruised to victory in the 3rd Hampden District race against Sam DiSanti, D-Agawam, winning 68 percent of the vote.

First the Southwick results were announced to a small gathering at Roma Restaurant on College Highway, a two-to-one margin, then a similar result in Agawam. He thanked his supporters, chatted with reporters and eventually packed his toddlers into the car for his wife to take home. He spent the rest of the night following the fortunes of fellow Republicans on television.

With a news ticker in the background giving updates on the close Charlie Baker and

Scott Brown races, Boldyga said more than once that he was "very humbled" by the margin of victory and level of trust voters have shown in him.

"I think it means a lot to be trusted by your neighbors to go to Boston," he said. "I'm a member of the community. I take this job seriously. It's a full-time job."

Boldyga said he felt "jobs and the economy" were on the minds of voters who elected to return him to Beacon Hill for another two-year term.

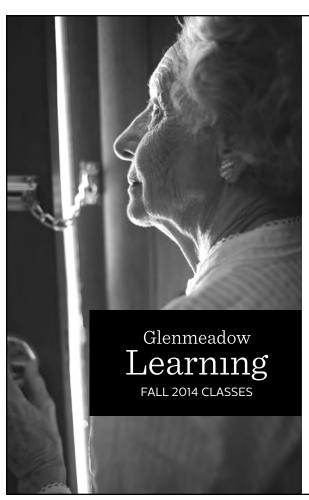
"Things are getting more expensive and people are bringing less of a paycheck home," Boldyga said.

He said his immediate priorities in the state House would be reducing regulations on business to spur job growth, ensuring that military veterans are given priority in hiring, and supporting measures to reduce the cost of higher education.

DiSanti was not available for comment Wednesday morning.

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What we can learn from veterans

Ceasefire finally came at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the end of the "War to End All Wars."

Now, almost a hundred years later, we remember this day as Veterans Day, a celebration every Nov. 11 of the courageous men and women who fought to keep America free and independent.

Unfortunately, World War I was not the end of all wars. The peace of 1918 contained within it the seeds of World War II, a conflict that saw even more Americans shipped to Europe — and elsewhere — to bleed and sacrifice to protect democracy.

The warriors of World War II are old men and old women, now. They are dying at a rate of more than 500 a day. Their stories are quickly passing from the realm of memory into the pages of history. That's part of why the work being done by Mary Bonavita's AP History class is so inspiring. By recording interviews with veterans, and archiving them in the Library of Congress, these Agawam High School students are keeping an essential chapter of American history alive forever, always accessible to historians and descendants.

But there's another way in which the story lives on.

The student-interviewers don't need a camera or a microphone, a computer or a Washington, D.C., archive to keep local veterans' stories alive for decades to come. Memories may die, but a story, when told, can live within the listener. And these students will carry their interviewees' stories with them for all their lives.

From our veterans we learn to respect sacrifice. We learn to understand our present. We learn to, hopefully, never repeat the mistakes that lead to war among nations.

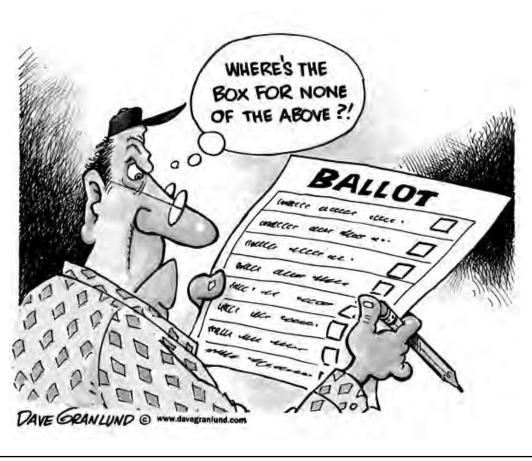
Like the diplomats of 1918, the Allied leaders of the 1940s left unfinished business that sent our nation to war again. Agreements and concessions made in the fight against Nazism laid the foundation for the Iron Curtain divide and four decades of Cold War that followed — including the Korea and Vietnam conflicts. America continued to produce war veterans. Those from Korea were too often forgotten in the turbulent decades that followed. Those from Vietnam were too often scorned for their association with a politically unpopu-

History repeats itself again. The compromises of the Cold War gave rise to a new set of rivals and enemies, the Middle Eastern despot and the terrorist. We now have two generations of veterans from wars in Iraq, along with veterans of Afghanistan and the numerous peacekeeping missions America has led since the Berlin Wall fell.

Someday these generations of soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines will reach their 80s and 90s. Hopefully their stories will be recorded by the young people of the next few decades. Hopefully our realization of their sacrifice, and our understanding of why they took up arms, will make the next ceasefire — sometime in our lifetimes the peace that truly ends all wars.

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Blessed are the peacemakers

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In his most famous sermon, Jesus says, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matt 5:9). Of course, God is the ultimate peacemaker, not us. That is the heart of the good news. Without that good news, we might all give up in despair. But with that good news, we can face whatever challenges come our way.

It is a good thing, too, because our world needs peacemakers. We need peacemakers in Israel and Iraq and Afghanistan. We need peacemakers in West Africa. We need peacemakers in Washington, D.C., and Boston. And we need peacemakers in Agawam and the greater Springfield area.

The question for us is, how can we be the peacemakers that Christ calls us to be? One simple thing is to watch what we say. When I was a child, my mother told me never to say anything about anyone that I would not be willing to repeat with

that person in the room. That simple rule can be amazingly hard to follow. But following that simple rule is a powerful way of making peace.

Gossip is corrosive. Gossip eats away at the bonds that hold us together. Gossip compromises God's peace. We know that. But, even knowing that, how often do we gossip anyway? How often do we say something, knowing that it will hurt the person we are talking to, or that it would hurt the person we are talking about if he or she heard us?

In those moments, we are failing to show love.

In those moments, we undermine peace, rather than making peace. Jesus calls us to do better. But making peace goes beyond doing no harm. Making peace means actively seeking reconciliation when harm has been done.

Christ calls us to take the first step, to reach out,

even when we have been hurt and even when it is not necessarily fair. We need to forgive when we have been wounded. We need to ask forgiveness when we have done the wounding. That is choosing love, even when we do not feel like it in the moment. That is making peace, in a situation of conflict. That is our Christian calling as children of God. And that is hard work.

Without God's help, we could not do it. But we have God's help, and we have God's example. As First John puts it, "In this is love, not that

we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another" (4:10-11).

In Christ, God makes peace with us. By Christ, God commands us to make peace with each other. Through Christ and the Holy Spirit, God makes peace possible. I pray that we may live as children of God, making peace, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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Turkey Dinner Casserole

ipe including leftover turkey. But today I'm back to one of my favorite comfort recipes. Although this recipe calls for the stuffing to be made from a mix (which is how I always cheat when making stuffing), you can substitute about one cup of your own homemade turkey stuffing for the first three ingredients.

Remember that my recipes serve only two, so if you need to double the serv-

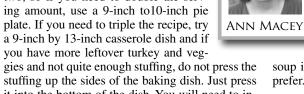
stuffing up the sides of the baking dish. Just press it into the bottom of the dish. You will need to in-

Last Thanksgiving, I gave you a light salad rec-crease the baking time when doubling or tripling. I use a soufflé dish since no one has manufactured a pie plate for just two TABLE servings. FOR TWO

I like carrots and peas in this dish, but if your Thanksgiving leftover veggies don't include these, other vegetables will work fine. Corn, green beans, or zucchini would be good choices. The poultry seasoning may be omitted but I find that it gives the dish an extra earthy homemade taste. I have substituted thyme or sage for the poultry seasoning if none can be found in my pantry. If you prefer, cream of chicken

soup is available in both low fat and low sodium

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Clark kindergarteners get look at fire trucks

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Correspondent

Kindergarten students at James Clark School got a first-hand look at the way Fire Department equipment operates last Thursday afternoon when Fire Education Officer Pam Murphy visited the school.

Murphy spends time each year interacting with students at all levels. Her favorite time is with the younger children. She is able to get them to take in a lot of information.

"It is unbelievable how much information a young child can absorb," said Murphy.

Murphy focuses a lot of time with students in pre-school, kindergarten, and first grade. With the kindergarten students, she likes to bring the fire apparatus out to the school.

With the apparatus right there at the school, the children are able to look at all the different equipment, and even sample a couple of things.

Firefighters volunteered some time to let the students sit in the fire engine, get in the bucket for the ladder truck, and the most fun part, shoot some water out at a "fire."

"The kids usually enjoy getting to play with the hose the most," said Murphy. "It gives them a chance to do one of these things they see the firefighters do."

Murphy also spends some time talking with the children, giving them information about what happens if they catch on fire, as well as educating them about escape plans.

"I start teaching the kids at a very young age that they need to have an escape plan at their house," said Murphy. "Not a lot of kids have that, and they can take that information home to their parents."

Kindergarten teacher Kim Rizzo says the information brought to the Fire Department helps her children learn community awareness.

"It's really part of social studies at the community level," said Rizzo. "With the Fire Department coming here, the kids are getting that first-hand knowledge. It becomes real to them when they see the trucks. It's what we look for in kindergarten."

Shelley Russell, principal at Clark, says she enjoys seeing the Fire Department come out and interact with the young children.

"Children hear what firefighters are and what they do," said Russell. "But we need for them to meet them and talk with them so they know that they are not strangers and they are here to help them. We are very fortunate to have some wonderful firefighters in Agawam."

Russell says children in school regularly practice fire drills, a lesson reinforced by Murphy and the firefighters, as well as lockdown and severe weather drills.

Dante Scherban, 5, said he had fun getting to see the fire trucks. He also learned about how to handle catching on fire.

"I learned that I have to stop, drop and roll," said Scherban, who demonstrated the action along with the rest of his classmates.

Murphy was accompanied by her dog Blaze, a Dalmatian, and Pumper, her cat.

Children received coloring books, pencils, and fire hats with her visit.

Murphy was hoping to put children in the ambulance during the event, but the ambulance was on a call and unavailable. She says children getting a first-hand look at the ambulance is also important.

"The ambulance is usually really scary for children," said Murphy. "So if they get to go inside and see what it is about, it won't be as scary if they have to go to the hospital in it."



Firefighter Mark Pereira stands with Clark students Sam Preye, 5, and Jake Hamre, 5, in the bucket of the ladder truck.



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Firefighter Renee Petrone gives Clark student a tour of the fire truck.

TURKEY, from page 4 **Turkey Dinner Casserole**

1/3 C. boiling water

1 tsp. cooking oil 1 C. chicken flavor stuffing mix

1/2 can (about 1/2 C.) condensed cream of

chicken soup 1/4 C. milk (or half & half)

Pinch of poultry seasoning 5 oz. diced, cooked turkey meat

1/3 C. cooked, diced carrots

1/4 C. frozen peas

Combine water, oil, and stuffing mix in a medium bowl. In a 1 qt. casserole that has

been sprayed with nonstick cooking spray; press the stuffing into the bottom and up the sides making a nest. In the same medium mixing bowl; combine soup, milk and poultry seasoning with a wire whisk. Stir in turkey, carrots, and peas and spoon mixture into stuffing nest. Bake in a 375 degree oven for 30-35 minutes or until hot. NOTES: Of course, chicken may be substituted for the turkey.

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Cut-athon Nov. 14 to support Agawam Cinemas

In addition to the local businesses that are rallying to support the reopening of the Agawam Cinemas, one local business has organized a unique fundraising event. Salon Tres Chic and Day Spa located at 339 Walnut Street Ext. in Agawam has volunteered to host a cut-athon, with all proceeds being donated to the fundraising efforts for the Agawam Cinemas.

The event is scheduled to take place at the salon Friday Nov. 14, which is the day before the Agawam Cinemas Kickstarter fundraising campaign is scheduled to end. The event will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. No appointments are necessary; simply walk in to participate. The cost to participate is a \$20 donation. Anyone with questions regarding what specific hair services will be offered during this event are encouraged to contact Salon Tres Chic during normal business hours.

As of Monday, Nov. 3, the Agawam Cinemas Kickstarter campaign has raised \$30,900 out of a \$40,000 goal. There are 148 supporters who have donated, with more coming in every day.

"The support we have received from area residents and local businesses has been overwhelming," said new owner Kimberly Wheeler. Wheeler will be attending the cutathon in order to thank all of the donors personally, and will be available to answer questions for patrons. Wheeler commented that this is a great opportunity for residents who want to donate, but are hesitant to do so via the computer.

"The support from Salon Tres Chic means so much to this community and will not be forgotten. They are all amazing women who are supporting another woman-owned business in town.'

CHECK PRESENTATION



Dr. Steven Fishman, left, head of pediatric surgery at Boston Children's Hospital, accepts a check for \$7,000 from Risa and Jim Knight, of Feeding Hills, which represents proceeds from the Chris Knight Memorial Golf Tournament held Aug. 2 at Agawam Municipal Golf Course. This brings the total amount donated to the hospital over the last 15 years of this tournament to more than \$110,000.

Veterans Day ceremony

The Agawam Veterans' Council will hold its Veterans Day ceremony at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at the Agawam Veterans' Green on Main Street.

Mayor Richard Cohen and Veterans Agent Richard Girard will speak at the ceremony. Regional elected officials have also been invited to speak. The program will also include buglers and a vocalist from Agawam High School.

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Junior Women's Club dance to benefit USO

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's tunes spun by D.J. Doug. Club will host a dance to benefit the USO, an organization that assists our soldiers and their families.

The public is invited to an evening of dancing, snacks and entertainment, Saturday, Nov. 8, at the American Legion Hall, 478 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. A cash bar will be available.

Entertainment will begin with a USO show at 7 p.m., followed by dancing to

Tickets are \$10 per person or, if preferred, donations may be made to the USO. To make an online donation, visit www.usodance.org, click on sponsor participants and enter "Rosalie Dialessi" under participant's name to make a dona-

For more information, contact Dialessi at Roseann32@comcast.net or call 413-998-3955.

Vets visit museums for free Nov. 11

SPRINGFIELD — In honor of Veterans Day, the Springfield Museums is offering free general admission to current or retired members of the military on Tuesday, Nov. 11. Extra fees for special programs like planetarium shows may apply. At the time of entry, respondents must show a military ID documenting that they are active duty, re-

tired or reserve from Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or National Guard.

General admission prices are \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and college students, \$9.50 for children 3-17, and free for children under three and museum members. General admission is always free for Springfield residents with proof of address.

Aging parents, sibling rivalry topic of Nov. 19 event

The public is invited to The Atrium at Cardinal Drive for "The 50-50 Rule: Adult Sibling Rivalry with Aging Parents." This free presentation by Suzanne McElroy, from Home Instead Senior Care, will take place Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m.

When it comes to working together as adults, siblings sometimes fall back into old patterns. The purpose of this presentation

is to teach participants how to negotiate the path of least resistance and get some understanding and support from siblings while caring for parents.

Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited.

To register, call 413-281-9911 or email eleon@benchmarkquality.com.

Nov. 7 auction to benefit Scout Troop 77

Agawam Boy Scout Troop 77 will hold a benefit auction Friday, Nov. 7, beginning at 6 p.m. at St. John's Church Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam. An auction preview will take place from 4 to 6 p.m.

Featured items will include a hockey puck signed by David Krejci, a signed picture of Daniel Nava of the Boston Red Sox, a men's bicycle donated by the Agawam Knights of Columbus and gift certificates donated by Yankee Mattress, Parthenon Restaurant, Ferrentino's Restaurant, Stateline Video, Peppo's Pizza, Goodies Convenience Store, Salon Tres Chic, Family Martial Arts, UBU Hair Design, Agawam's Java Stop and more.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and additional items will be available for purchase at the snack bar. Rossi Auctioneers and Appraisers will conduct the auction.

Proceeds from the event will be used for the troop's summer trip to Arcadia National Park in Maine.

For more information, call Bill Tessicini

'Paint Sip Fun' to benefit St. Pat's Committee

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee will hold a fundraiser, "Paint Sip Fun," Friday, Nov. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion, 478 Springfield St., Agawam.

"Paint Sip Fun" is a traveling art studio that teaches first-time painters as well as those with painting experience at local venues. An artist walks participants through the featured painting of the evening. No experience is needed.

Snacks will be available and drinks for purchase. Tickets are \$35 and may be ordered online at www.paintsipfun.com or by mailing a check to Agawam St. Patrick's Committee, P. O. Box 825, Agawam, MA

Proceeds from the event will support of the cost of building a float, award for the 2015 Colleen and the expenses of the Col-

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Members of the Beaudry family stand with Mayor Richard Cohen, third from right, who proclaimed "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Agawam on Nov. 4. From left are Madeline, Angela, Bill, Mimi, the mayor, Michael and Mikie.

Purple for pancreatic cancer on Tuesday

On World Pancreatic Cancer Day, Nov. 13, Agawam's Angela Beaudry and her family are going "Purple with a Purpose." All residents of Agawam are invited to participate and spread the word about pancreatic cancer by wearing purple next Tuesday.

Additionally, Beaudry and her family met with Mayor Richard Cohen this week, who proclaimed November to be "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Agawam.

Pancreatic cancer has one of the lowest survival rates of any form of cancer. World Pancreatic Cancer Day, which debuts this year, is an initiative by Pancreatic Cancer Action to bring about a much-needed change in awareness levels about the disease and focus on the need for change.

For more information, visit pancanvision.org and https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/16956-world-pancreatic-cancer-day.

Benefit paint night scheduled for Nov. 10

The public is invited to attend a benefit Paint & Sip Night at the Dante Club in West Springfield Monday, Nov. 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person and registration is required in advance on the Paint Craze website.

Lisa Holloway, a lifelong resident of Agawam, was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called Ewings sarcoma in April. Ewings sarcoma is more commonly diagnosed in children and teenagers. Approximately one in three million adults are diagnosed with this cancer.

Holloway and her husband, Terry, are the parents of a 10 year-old son, Aiden. She is the daughter of Clyde and Madeline Simpson and has two sisters, Linda Gloster and Lori Keeley

She has been receiving chemotherapy at the D'amour Cancer Center in Springfield since April and has had daily radiation treatments in Boston at Dana Farber for the past six weeks. Because of the daily treatment schedule, Holloway has had to leave her job of 19 years.

To help with the mounting expenses, Holloway's family and her close friend, Nancy O'Keefe, organized this event. All proceeds will be used to help defray those expenses.

For more information or to register for the benefit, visit

Masonic Lodge to host blood drive

The Elm Belcher Masonic Lodge, 53 River St., Agawam, will hold a blood drive Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 3 to 7 p.m. Donors will receive a voucher for a free spaghetti dinner to be held at the lodge that evening. The voucher may be used for a future spaghetti dinner as well.

Mercy Hospital blood collections department is also offering a fall sweatshirt for every donor. Walk-ins are welcome.

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Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to mballway@turley.com.



Last week's photo: Correctly identifying Paul Cavallo were Lou Scherpa, Kristin Bistany, Richard Aldrich, Donna J. Kenney, Beverly Baggetta, Jack Walsh and Teresa Kozloski.



Friends to hold Thanksgiving pie sale

Orders are being accepted for the Thanksgiving pie sale sponsored by the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center. Early orders are encouraged, as only 40 pies will be sold this year.

The cost for chocolate cream pies is \$10; pumpkin pies, \$9; meat pies, \$12; apple pies, \$12. The deadline to place orders is Wednesday, Nov. 19. Pies will be available for pickup at the senior center Wednesday, Nov. 26.

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Weekly calendar of events

Monday, Nov. 10: SHINE Representative Available (by appt.); 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 11:45 a.m., Music with Norma Hopper; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Senior Center Closed. Veterans Day Observed.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 10 a.m., Fallon Ins. Representative Available; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Chapter 1 Meeting.

Thursday, Nov. 13: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Jewelry Sale with Gina Curto; 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line

Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, Nov. 14: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Lunch menu

Monday, Nov. 10: Chicken cacciatore, pasta with sauce, peppers and onions, oranges.

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day. Senior Center closed.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: Cheese omelets, bacon, home fries, cranberry juice, assorted muffins.

Thursday, Nov. 13: Cheeseburger casserole, spinach salad, pudding.

Friday, Nov. 14: Baked fish, rice pilaf, spinach, peaches.

ACAA meeting to feature area artist

The Agawam Community Artists Association will meet Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.

Featured guest at the meeting will be Nancy Howard, watercolor artist. She will describe and demonstrate her watercolor techniques while painting flowers.

Howard, a resident of Holyoke, earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in painting from the Rhode Island School of Design. She has lived in the Pioneer Valley for the past 18 years. While working toward her master's degree in landscape architecture at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, her interests in painting, art in the landscape, and the role of artists in community were rekindled.

Howard paints and sketches onsite, paying particular attention to the relationship of the built environment with land, plants, water and sky. She is interested in how color, light and shadow describe form and space, and sense of place.





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Public Safety

FIRE LOG-

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 75 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from Oct. 21 to Oct. 27, and 56 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from Oct. 28 to

On Oct. 21 at 4:27 p.m., the department responded to Walnut Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Oct. 21 at 6:44 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunc-

On Oct. 22 at 5:04 p.m., the department responded to North Street Ext. for public service assistance, other.

On Oct. 23 at 8:44 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive to assist invalid.

On Oct. 23 at 1:46 p.m., the department responded to Main Street, no incident found on arrival at dispatch address. On Oct. 24 at 3:27 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for service call, other.

On Oct. 24 at 6:54 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for motor vehicle accident with in-

On Oct. 25 at 11:24 a.m., the department responded to Squire Lane for CO detector activation due to malfunction. On Oct. 25 at 1:09 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for alarm system activation, no fire

On Oct. 25 at 3:02 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for prescribed fire.

On Oct. 25 at 3:21 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 for extrication, rescue, other.

On Oct. 26 at 2:41 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Oct. 27 at 8:13 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for unintentional transmission of alarm, other.

On Oct. 27 at 4:03 p.m., the department responded to

Route 5 South for motor vehicle accident with injuries. On Oct. 27 at 6:37 p.m., the department responded to Mill Street for citizen complaint.

On Oct. 28 at 1:12 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Oct. 28 at 5:48 a.m., the department responded to Memorial Park for smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional.

On Oct. 28 at 1:46 p.m., the department responded to Pleasant Valley Road, was dispatched and cancelled en

On Oct. 28 at 3:35 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street to assist police or other governmental

On Oct. 28 at 6:10 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for public service assistance, other.

On Oct. 29 at 11:18 a.m., the department responded to Hastings Street for citizen complaint.

On Oct. 29 at 1:55 p.m., the department responded to Pheasant Hill Drive for public service assistance, other.

On Oct. 29 at 3:51 p.m., the department responded to Clover Hills Drive for carbon monoxide incident.

On Oct. 30 at 10:46 a.m., the department responded to

Suffield Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries. On Nov. 1 at 8:22 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for carbon monoxide incident.

On Nov. 3 at 2:20 a.m., the department responded to Mill Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Nov. 3 at 12:09 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for natural vegetation fire, other.

On Nov. 3 at 4:23 p.m., the department responded to Mallard Circle for outside rubbish fire, other.

On Nov. 3 at 5:26 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for lockout.

On Nov. 3 at 6:51 p.m., the department responded to Robin Ridge Drive for natural vegetation fire, other.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 259 calls for service from Oct. 28 to Nov. 3. The department made 8 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Dean Merrideth Wright, Jr., 26, of 659 Springfield St., 1st Floor, Agawam, was arrested on charges of unarmed robbery, assault and battery on a disabled person, and intimidating a witness.

Edward Meade Gutt, Jr., 41, of 18 Main St., Huntington, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to stop for police.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

Dawn M. Smelstor, 40, of 21 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery, and assault and battery on a person over 60 disabled with injury.

Saturday, Nov. 1

A juvenile from Springfield was arrested on a charge of larceny over \$250 by a single scheme.

David Armitage, 41, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 36, Agawam, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Sunday, Nov. 2

Daniel Joseph Harpin, 43, of 20 Oak Lane, Feeding Hills, was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery.

Monday, Nov. 3

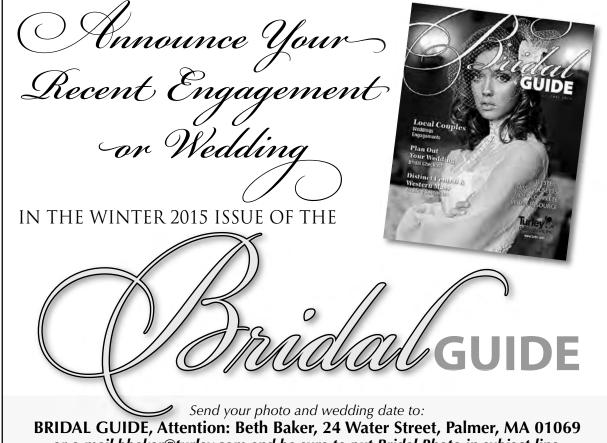
Megan Hysler, 21, of 875 Copper Hill Road, West Suffield, Conn., was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Doreen Frances Gomes, 45, of 78 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, Mass., was arrested on a charge of trespassing.

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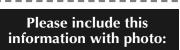


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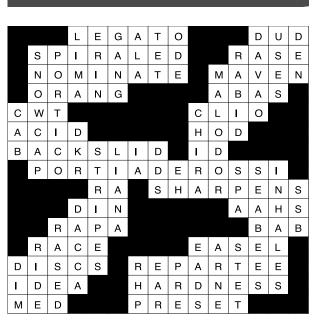
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Agawam voters boost Republican wins in governor, senator, representative races

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than the statewide 52.9 percent to 47.1 per-

Town voters rejected a bid to expand the bottle deposit law to cover non-carbonated drinks, 8,682 to 1,511, again with a wider margin than the statewide result, 73.4 percent to 26.6 percent.

Agawam joined most of its neighbors in greater Springfield, and a majority across the state, in voting "no" on a repeal of the state's casino gambling law, which likely would have shuttered the MGM Grand casino planned for Springfield. In Agawam, the vote was 6,163 "no" and 4,046 "yes." The only town in Hampden County that voted "yes" in favor of repeal was Longmeadow. Statewide, the casino repeal failed with 60.1 percent "no" and 39.9 percent "yes."

Local voters backed a law mandating that businesses provide paid sick leave to employees, 5,463 to 4,620, a closer margin than Massachusetts as a whole, which backed the measure 59.5 percent to 40.5 percent.

Both local representatives on Beacon Hill won big on Tuesday, aided by strong showings in Agawam. State Sen. Donald Humason, R-Westfield, won all eight precincts of Agawam for a total of 6,064 votes to 3,676 for challenger Patrick Leahy, D-Holyoke. Across the district, Humason beat Leahy 27,802 to 21,268.

State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, also won every precinct and defeated Sam DiSanti, D-Agawam, 6,200 to 3,532 in the local count and 9,398 to 4,449 district-

The town also supported two Republicans who fell short of defeating their Democratic

For state treasurer, Agawam backed Michael James Heffernan, R-Wellesley, 4,717 to 4,292, but Deborah Goldberg, D-Brookline, captured the seat by a 55.1 percent to 40.8 percent margin.

John Miller, R-Winchester, beat Attorney General-elect Maura Healey, D-Boston, by nine votes in the closest race on the Agawam tally, 4,809 to 4,800. Healey won 61.7 percent to 38.3 percent, statewide.

Agawam only voted for Democrats when they were unopposed or incumbents. For the contested seats — U.S. Senate, secretary of state and auditor — the margin of victory for the incumbent Democrat was smaller in Agawam than statewide.

U.S. Sen. Edward Markey, D-Malden, won 4,933 to 4,722 over Brian Herr, R-Hopkinton, in local polling, though the race statewide was never that close, with Markey prevailing 62 percent to 38 percent.

Secretary of State William Galvin, D-Boston, won 5,630 to 3,690 over David D'Arcangelo, R-Malden, though Galvin won the statewide race with 67.5 percent of the vote to D'Arcangelo's 29 percent.

Auditor Suzanne Bump, D-Great Barrington, won 4,784 to 4,241 over Patricia St. Aubin, R-Norfolk, despite a statewide margin of 57.8 percent to 38.1 percent.

In the one other contested race on the ballot, Agawam backed Suzanne Seguin, an independent candidate from Westfield, for Hampden register of probate, with 5,389 votes to 3,858 for Gale Candaras, D-Wilbraham. In the countywide vote, Seguin beat Candaras narrowly, 62,500 to 62,222.

The Green-Rainbow Party fielded candidates for secretary of state, treasurer and auditor. None polled higher than 380 votes in Agawam.

Elected with no opposition were U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, District Attorney Anthony Gulluni and Governor's Councilor Michael Albano, all Democrats.

In all, 10,304 Agawam voters participated in Tuesday's vote, roughly 48 percent of the town's registered voters, according to the town clerk's office.

'Express' Y opens in plaza on Springfield St.

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his wife Susan, a key donor to the project, echoed Cohen's and Smith's words.

"It's a game-changer for the community," Alvanos said, praising the "level playing field the YMCA offers. Whether you have the capacity to pay or not, the YMCA opens its doors to you."

Other donors recognized at the Oct. 30 event included Esta Manthos of Wilbraham, Robert and Carol Willey of Agawam, the Agawam Rotary Club, AM Lithography, the Beveridge Foundation, the Brennan Family Foundation, Chicopee Savings, Comcast, Hampden Bank, Insurance Center of New England, OMG, United Bank and United Way of Pioneer Valley.

Smith singled out Six Flags New England as having "adopted" the Agawam YMCA as a project to support.

Both Cohen and Smith noted that although Agawam residents are welcome at the YMCA's other locations in Springfield and Wilbraham, and although the YMCA helps run some youth programs in town, there hadn't been a physical YMCA presence in Agawam since the town bought Perry Lane Park from the Springfield YMCA, about 40 years ago.

For more information or to join the YMCA, visit www.springfieldy.org or call 413-366-5050.



Local and YMCA officials prepare the cut the ribbon to officially open the Agawam YMCA on Oct. 30.



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Andrew Melendez, executive director of the Agawam YMCA, shares the podium on Oct. 30 with Charlie Alvanos of Agawam, chairman of the Advisory Board. Standing in the front row beside Alvanos are YMCA of Greater Springfield Executive Vice President Kristine Allard and President Kirk Smith.



Lauren Rinaldi interviews Ernestine Stowall, a World War II veteran. Ernestine served at Parris Island, S.C., and was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Veterans talk with students from Agawam High VETERANS, from page 1

dents in the class were invited to find friends or relatives. Those that did not have a friend or relative were connected with a veteran at the Holyoke Soldiers Home.

Teresa Graziano learned from her interview that veterans often were in other parts of the country. And while they did not go to war, they did important things. She also learned that service men and women may not have agreed with everything they were asked to do, but followed their commanding officers and defended the country.

Graziano completed an interview with Robert Murphy, a veteran of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

"He was stationed on one of the ships that was a blockade during the missile crisis," said Graziano. "During the interview, he actually told me that many of the men he was stationed with did not agree with why they were there."

Graziano was surprised at how honest Murphy was, but was appreciative that he was still willing to defend the country regardless of how he felt about the conflict he was involved with.

"He still fought for us," said Graziano. "It was amazing to hear that story."

Kamukala, now a senior, interviewed Eugene Fitzhenry.

Fitzhenry was a veteran during the Cold War, and was stationed in Europe. During the conflict between Russia and Germany, Fitzhenry boarded planes and did airlifts into Germany, dropping food and supplies to needy people.

Kamukala learned that while major conflicts such as World War II, Vietnam and Iraq have more notoriety, Fitzhenry was doing something just as important.

"He was out there risking his life just to help feed people," said Kamukala. "He was out there making a difference for these peo-

Kamukala says completing the interview and being recorded in the Library of Congress was not a big deal after learning Fitzhenry's story. "I do not feel like I am that special," said Kamukala. "These veterans made the real difference. And the best part was that he (Fitzhenry) was really nonchalant about his contributions.'

After completing the videotaped interviews, the students had to complete a full transcription verbatim of the entire interview. Both Kamukula and Graziano said it took almost two weeks worth of classes to transcribe. "It was really tedious to make sure the entire interview was exactly transcribed," said Graziano. "Even the silences and the one-word answers had to be in there for it to be includ-

Bonavita said the efforts of the students were phenomenal and she was happy to see so many of the projects included in the Library of Congress.

"The library is constantly looking for more interviews with veterans," said Bonavita. "This is certainly a project I would like to keep doing. It's a great way for these students to learn living history and make a real contribution to our country by telling their stories."

Richard Girard, director of veterans services, said he was very happy to see the students showing respect and appreciation to the veterans. He gave a quote often attributed to George Washington, that the "willingness in which our young people are likely to serve in the military, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars are treated and appreciated by their nation."

Girard is filled with pride that Agawam students are showing appreciation to area veterans by completing the interviews.

"It's great to see and it is amazing they had 17 of those interviews accepted by the Library of Congress," said Girard.

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In the Classroom

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

Open Houses: Many colleges are hosting open houses for the next few months. Check the Counseling Center website for times and

Visiting College Representatives: To meet with any of the following college or university representatives that will be visiting the school, sign up at least one day in advance in the Counseling Center: Nov. 10: 8 a.m., Lasell College.

Journalism Conference: Springfield College with host this conference Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., for all prospective journalists. The event will feature keynote speakers Rebecca Lobo, ESPN analyst, and Steve Rushin, Sports Illustrated senior writer, as well as presentations from faculty members and alumni. Attendees will have an opportunity to tour the campus and talk to current student in the Communications/ Sports Journalism program. The event is free, and lunch will be provided. Register online at www.springfieldcollege.edu/JournalismConference.

Western New England University Dept. of Social Work: Will hold an information luncheon describing the Social Work Program, Saturday, Nov. 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Register at www.wne.edu/openhousereg by Nov. 15.

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts: Will host an information session at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the Delaney House in Holyoke. Students must register at www. mcla.edu/Admissions/visiting_mcla/index to attend.

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

STUDENT CITATION



Submitted photo

Mayor Richard Cohen, center, presented two seniors from Agawam High School with citations for "outstanding citizenship" on Oct. 31. The two students, Victoria Shortt, left, and Whitney Shortt, came to the aid of a fellow student in a recent medical emergency on a school bus.

Agawam Robotics schedules ziti dinner

Agawam Robotics will host a ziti dinner needed and registration fees for tournaments Friday, Nov. 7, at Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street, with servings from

Since 2002, the FIRST robotics program 17 teams, with teams at each of the four FIRST programs and covering kindergarten through grade 12. Keeping almost 200 children on these teams with all the hardware

is no easy task and takes a considerable sum. This dinner is the largest fundraiser and all teams will be represented.

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For more information, visit www.agawamrobotics.org.

AHS Class of 1989 plans reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1989 will hold its 25th reunion Friday, Nov. 28. beginning at 6 p.m. at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Tickets are \$28 per person and include food and live music.

Classmates may reserve tickets by mailing checks made payable to AHS C/O 89, to Lisa Allen-Geissler, P.O. Box 346, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Payments can also be sent via Paypal to agawamclassof89@verizon. net. Checks and Paypal payments must note the name of the classmate and guest name if applicable. Payments should be received no later than Nov. 18.

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Patrick Morrissey leading a group at the Power of Purple 5K, held Oct. 26 at the Agawam Industrial Park. The walk-run race, hosted by Agawam resident Marie Ball, was to raise funds for Relay for Life and to help raise awareness about the importance of supporting cancer survivors. There were 56 Agawam and Feeding Hills residents that participated. To view the overall results, visit http://coolrunning.com/results/14/ma/Oct26_Powero_set1.shtml.



Kaitlyn Benoit and Richard Benoit.



Gina Bishop (140) and Erin King (169).



Sara Flink (158), Kelly Clark (151) and Sarah Thomas (490).



Tammy Kaleta, center, and Kimberly Burke to her left.

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'Trunk or treat' huge hit at Clark



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The Sibilia family had a teal pumpkin out for the FARE Teal Pumpkin project, with non-edible treats for kids like their son Franco, who has an anaphylactic peanut allergy.



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Courtnie Evans (left) and Spenser Afonso hand out candy from their monster car.

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

Ever gone "trunk" or treating?

It's the easiest way to get a lot of candy, in the shortest period of time, without having to travel.

Children at James Clark School in Agawam got that fun, festive experience last Thursday afternoon in the school parking lot.

Maria Botta, vice president of the Clark Parent Teacher Organization, said trick-or-treating can be difficult for some parents who have children with physical or social issues. She says other elementary schools in Agawam have held the event in the past.

The concept is simple. Several parent volunteers gather in the school parking lot, and give out candy while standing next to their trunks. Children can then visit each "house" and move about five feet to the next one.

It may have been a simple concept, but parents volunteering for the first-ever event took it a step further.

Matthew Preye, a parent of a kindergartner at Clark, created a small structure to go over his car so it would resem-



Turley Publications photo by Kimberly Hatch

Rosie the Riveter Barbara Wosciechowski and prisoner Jami Gottier enjoy watching all the children in costume.



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Zombified Nick Cecchi and pink Power Ranger Alexandra Fillion posed for a photo with Jabba the Hutt from "Star Wars."

ble a pirate ship. His trunk was decorated like a treasure chest, with candy inside.

"I have done some trunk or treats in the past," said Preye. "I think it is a great concept, and it's great they are having it here at the school. It's been a great way to meet other parents and their kids."

Botta says the concept also provides a safe way for children to go trick-or-treating, have a great time, and get a lot of candy.

"We had more than 40 parents volunteer to be here and hand out candy to the children," said Botta. "Some kids don't even visit 40 houses when they go out trick-or-treating on Halloween, so it is a great way to get a lot of candy."

Many more cars were decorated like Preye's, and families allowed their children to make their way around to the different trunks to get candy. "This was a really safe place," said Tracy Surreira. "I feel comfortable here and I feel comfortable letting my children wander around the parking lot."

While the outpouring of parent support was great, the student and family response was even better. More than 100 children came to the event. Many of the participating parents ran out of candy before the event had ended.

"It was great to see so many people come out," said Botta. "Especially since we have the smallest population among all the elementary schools in Agawam."

Because the event was being held for the first time, Botta was not expecting the huge turnout. Now, she is looking forward to having the event in future years.

Other parents participating thought the event was a great idea.

"I love Halloween and this was a great way to share that with the children," said Kelly Clough. "This was a great safe way to enjoy the holiday. I know a lot of the parents that passed out candy."

Principal Shelley Russell praised the idea, and donned a costume at the event. She says next year she may set up shop with her trunk.

"I think this was a fantastic event," said Russell. "It was a controlled and safe environment and the parents put so much creativity into their trunks. It was fun for both the children and adults."



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Andrew Kovalsky, 4, apprehensively arrives at the populated event.



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Haley Hinshaw, 11, left, pulls up to the McDonald's drive-thru, operated by Sarah Langston, right.

Andrew Clough stands proudly by his blow up haunted house.



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nna Botta, 7, trick-or-treats at one of the many trunks available last sday afternoon at James Clark School.





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A slew of children and parents make their way through the James Clark Elementary School parking lot.



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Ambitious children make their way through the path of decorated vehicles.



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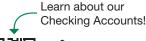
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Brownies outlast Colts, win Suburban title

By Nate Rosenthal Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The Agawam football team won a heart stopper against Chicopee Comprehensive, 27-22 and with the win will enter the playoffs as the second seed and a date with South Hadley, the third seed. It was a last minute touchdown that sent the Brownies past the Colts.

The day began with this game possibly deciding who would host the two/three game. A South Hadley loss would have either eliminated them or kept them in fourth. That would have set them up with Wahconah, the top seed. They had started earlier and before half time, word had filtered out that they had beaten Commerce in overtime. That gave the game between the Colts and Brownies a new meaning. The winner would be the two seed and the loser would drop to fourth and have to travel to the Berkshires to face Wahconah.

The Colts got on the board three

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Agawam quarterback Troy Gallerani sets to throw.



Turley Publications photos by David Henry

Gio Russo tries to push through with the ball.

Late goal gets Blue Devils by Agawam, 4-3

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

NORTHAMPTON - The Agawam High School girls soccer team staged a great first half comeback, but a single goal by Northampton in the second with seven minutes remaining was their undoing as the Brownies were ousted from the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament 4-3 Monday.

Agawam coach Laura Wray-Ramos complimented the mettle of her team as they came all the way back from a 3-0 deficit after mistakes led to the Brownies trailing with 9:09 remaining in the first

half. The third goal for Northampton was basically an open netter after goalie Jenna Beach tried to head off a crossing pass by Northampton. The ball was crossed over to

the left side, and Northampton was able to shoot into an open net to take a 3-0 lead.

"Most teams would have rolled over and quit after that," said Ramos. "My team did not do that and I am so proud of them."

Agawam got the first of three goals back when freshman Alyssa Montagna went after a thru ball that was bounced over her head. Montagna, powered her way through two defenders much larger than her, and took off with the ball. Her speed allowed her to get a shot on goal and put it to the right side to make it 3-1 with 8:21 left.

It was less than 30 seconds later the Brownies were able to pounce again on the Blue Devils.

This time it was Sarah Graves wno put a snot over head to make it 3-2.

Graves took a pass from the

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Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

Katie Martin stops a ball for the Brownies.

Brownies earn home game in football semi-finals

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School football team is back in the Western Massachusetts Division 4 playoff for the second straight season. They are looking for a return trip to the finals, possibly a rematch from last year.

Agawam did not have a perfect regular season like last year, but their big victory last Friday night against Chicopee Comprehensive brought home the Suburban Conference championship, Agawam's second since being inserted in the league during realignment last year.

There were a lot of variables in the power rankings points system used to determine the top four teams that are heading to the tournament. But in the end, the victory over Comp helped them avoid a second straight game against the Colts. This, combined with a win by South Hadley, results in a rematch with the Tigers tomorrow night.

Agawam and South Hadley do not have a lot of history with each other until the past two years. Both of those games have gone Agawam's way. Agawam went to South Hadley for a regular season game last year. The two teams engaged in a very high-scoring affair, with Agawam picking up the one-touchdown vic-

This season, Agawam, which went perfect last year in the first down to earth this year, entering a conference matchup against the Tigers at 4-2. Both teams were looking toward finishing the regular season with not only a playoff berth, but the Suburban Conference title.

Agawam dealt the Tigers a huge blow by downing South Hadley 35-0, in a game that was dominated by Agawam's defense and special teams, both of which kept South Hadley off the scoreboard.

Agawam won the right to play at home again against the Tigers. Agawam will need to be on top of their running game, which has been emerging slowly during the past few weeks.

The Brownies are led by Gio Russo, who has been taking the

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Dustin overcomes injuries to win PVIAC meet

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - Megan Dustin has never completed a full high school cross country season, fighting injuries throughout the first three years of her high school career.

Dustin won her first Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference championship meet on Saturday at Stanley Park in West-

The senior harrier did compete at the PVIAC meet once before. She placed 21st in her freshman

This time around, she finished a full 22 seconds ahead of the second place finisher.

Dustin completed the race despite contending with injuries in her legs, the same injuries that have been plaguing her throughout her high school career. But her coach and doctor are helping her manage them and she says that she will compete on Saturday at Northfield Mountain for the Western Massachusetts championship.

It will be Dustin's first time competing at the Western Mass.

"I am really looking forward to competing this Saturday," said Dustin. "It is going to be a tough test. Northfield is a really tough

Dustin has competed in all of Agawam's meets this season, but has been very limited in practices since mid-September, she said.

"I started hurting early in September," said Dustin. "My shins were really bothering me."

Since then, Dustin has been limiting her practices and participating in meets. It has not slowed her down any. She has shattered the record at her home course at Robinson State Park and has five victories this season for the Brownies.

Dustin recently underwent an MRI to find out how much damage there is. She disclosed the injuries she is dealing with.

"Right now, I have two stress fractures in my left tibia," said Dustin. "I may have another stress fracture in my right tibia."

Despite the fractures, she is able to run, but limits her running to an average of three practices per week

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minutes into the game when Michael Whitsett and Cam Kagan connected for a 30 yard touchdown pass play to cap off a three-minute drive that featured several passes and a few runs by Whitsett. The extra point was no good and with 9:04 to go in the first quarter, Chicopee Comp led 6-0.

The teams sparred back and forth with a couple of possessions through the first quarter. With 28 seconds to go, Marcus Headley ran the ball in from the five to tie the game. Sean Moore made the extra point and Agawam led 7-6.

After the ensuing kick off got the ball near midfield for Comp, they were able to move the ball quickly downfield. Just one minute and nineteen seconds into the second quarter, they were into the end zone and back in the lead. Whitsett hit Mason Labonte for 12 yards and the score. Whitsett took it in himself for the two points and Comp led 14-7.

That lead was short-lived as Anthony Basile took the kickoff all the way to the Comp five yard line. Two plays later, Giovanni Russo scored from the three. With the point after by Moore, the score was tied with 10:02 remaining in the half.

Much as the first quarter went, there was give and take by the two teams throughout the second quarter. And again as with the first quarter, the Brownies scored again in the final seconds, as Gallerani completed a five yard pass to Fred Karl-Morin. The extra point by Moore mad it 21-14 at the half.

Opening the third quarter, the Colts were on the doorstep of tying the game. They started at their 20 and moved the ball downfield quickly with three passes to Labonte for 4, 15 and two yards along with a 26 varder to Josh Rosario. They had a first and goal on the Agawam five, but an interception closed that door.

The Brownies then moved the ball right back downfield and got top the Comp 15, before the Colts returned the favor and intercepted it back. After that, the game would settle into a lot of possessions for each team.

Then came the final 3:46 seconds. On first down from the Agawam 49, Russo carried it to the Comp 49. As he was going down, La-Bonte stripped the ball from him and took it back the other way for a 51-yard touchdown. The Colts chose to go for two and the lead. Whitsett found Sean Buxton in the end zone and Comp had a 22-21 lead.

Agawam returned to their 40-yard line and wasted no time getting the ball downfield. The key play was a 38-yard pass from Gallerani to James Karl-Morin to the Comp 26. It was only his second completion of the game. Russo then ran four of the next five plays, scoring from the two with 1:20 to play. They went for two but missed and now Comp had one last shot.

Over a minute they went from their 20 to the Agawam 46. On third and one Whitsett seemingly completed a pass to Labonte for a touchdown. But a flag was thrown and the play was called back on offensive pass interference. There were just 11.4 seconds left and time for two plays. The Colts came up short and the game was over.

Gallerani passed just six times and completed one each to the Karl-Morin boys. The running game was another story as the Brownies racked up 297 yards. Russo carried 13 times for 164 and Headley went 101 on 12 runs. They had three of the team's four touchdowns.



Turley Publications photos by David Henry Agawam's James Karl-Morin tries

Agawam boys soccer headed for quarterfinals

Matchup with Minnechaug first up on the postseason slate

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School boys soccer team has come all the way back from a team with scoring struggles to a team with a versatile scoring attack.

The Brownies did struggle at times, but finished the regular season with a record of

Agawam found proven scorers in Brodie Keene, who had 15 goals in 18 games, Luis Nieves (eight goals) and Kamer Huhiu, who was very active in the offense with four goals and helped set up other scores.

Anthony Sciartelli was a goal-scoring threat along with Tym Regnier. Sciartelli had seven assists while Regnier registered six this season.

Keene led the team with 20 total points this season.

Agawam is competing in the smallest qualifying bracket between girls and boys soccer. Only eight teams qualified in Division I with Agawam receiving the No. 7 seed. They are currently scheduled to face No. 2 Minnechaug tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m., the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association is reporting as of press

Amherst Regional received the No. 1 seed with a 15-0-3 record. Minnechaug is No. 2 at 14-3-1. West Springfield has the third seed. Westfield has the fifth seed and Central is

Agawam played Amherst one time this

season in Agawam and lost 1-0, but carried a lot of the play and showed they could hang with the Hurricanes.

The Brownies suffered two losses this season against West Springfield and beat Central one time. They suffered a narrow loss against Westfield early in the season.

Their first opponent, Minnechaug, gave Agawam their first loss of the season on Sept. 15. The Brownies were 3-0-1 to start the year before the Falcons won 2-0.

Agawam finished their regular season last week when they defeated East Longmeadow on Senior Night 3-0.

The game started out a bit flat for both teams, but Agawam picked it up in the second half and downed the Spartans with three goals. Showing off their ability to spread the ball around, three different Brownies scored as Keene, Nieves, and Kris Page all scored. Regnier provided a pair of assists.

Goalie Alex Sours has had a fine season in his first one as the Agawam starter. He took the shutout with six saves for the home team.

The Brownies were defeated by Belchertown in a league matchup on Oct. 24 2-1 and beat Central 5-0 in the final week of the season. Agawam would finish the season winning three of their last four games to enter the tournament with some momentum.

If Agawam is able to get past the Falcons tomorrow afternoon, they would move on to play the winner of West Springfield and Central in the semifinals at a date and time to be determined. Go to miaa.net for more tournament information, including brackets, dates, and times of games.

In-Town Basketball programs starting for boys and girls

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registrations for boys and girls age 4 and older In-Town Basketball Programs.

Boys and girls age 4 (by Dec. 1) or currently enrolled in kindergarten are welcome to register for a newly added Bitty Basketball Program on Saturdays at 8 a.m.

Boys and Girls in grades 1 and 2 are welcome to register for the YMCA Instructional Basketball Program on Saturdays at either 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Boys in grades 3 through 8 may register, although as of Oct. 14, the fee in-

Girls in grades 3 through 8 may call the Parks and Recreation Department and be put on an interest list. If there are enough girls an In-Town league will be formed or Agawam teams may be put together to join another league.

Boys and girls in grades 9-12 are welcome to register by Dec. 5 for the High School In-Town Basketball League.

Please feel free to call the Parks and Recreation Department at 413-821-0514 with any questions about these basketball programs or any other offerings. More information can be found on the Parks and Recreation Department's website found at www.agawam.ma.us.



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in Saturday's finale against Mass United FC ensured an unblemished season for Western Mass Pro Soccer Club following a 2-2 draw at Salem State University in Salem, Mass.

Daniels scored in the 29th and 56th minutes to give the guests a two-goal lead that the hosts quickly chopped down with strikes from Carlos Diniz and Jared Joaquin in the 64th and 69th minutes, respectively.

The draw allowed the Lusitanos to finish the Fall 2014 season with a 6-0-4 (22 points), tops in the ASL. The Riders finished the campaign unable to reach the win column after going 0-3-6 (6 points).

Saturday's contest was a rematch of the season opener between the Commonwealth clubs, which also ended in a draw. But this time around, it appeared that Western Mass would walk away with a win thanks to Daniels' performance. The Lusitano striker opened the scoring just before the half-hour when he slotted through a pass from Luke Perry, beating goalkeeper Malcolm Cheney.

Daniels added another near the hour, giving the guests a two-goal lead amid the rainy and windy conditions that swept through New England on Saturday.

But the Riders wouldn't let Daniels - or the weather – stop them from trying to get back in the game.

Diniz answered eight minutes after Dan-

LUDLOW - A pair of Will Daniels goals iels' second goal, while Joaquin canceled out the guests' advantage in with just over 20 minutes remaining.

> Western Mass made a trio of late substitutions in the hopes of reclaiming the lead, but the go-ahead never arrived as the season finale ended on level terms.

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plus her meets. After going through a cold, rainy, three-mile victory at Stanley Park, she says she may practice two or three days this week before Northfield.

Dustin completed the Stanley Park course in 18:44. She said the course was difficult but when she picked up a good-sized lead, she was advised by her coach and parents to take it easy during the third mile.

"I did the first mile in about 5:40 and was

near 12 minutes when I finished the second mile," said Dustin. "Coach told me to take it easy. It was wet and slippery on this course.'

Dustin says she has endured the pain in her shins because she wanted the experience of competing at Western Mass. at least once.

"I worked very closely with my doctors and my coach so I could keep going," said Dustin. Dustin is planning to take some time off after the season to heal from her injuries once the season is over.

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majority of the carries. Agawam also has Dominic Grassetti and Max Molta who have been helping the Brownies build depth. Both have improved as the season has gone on.

Agawam also has a talented running back in Anthony Basile. Basile is a versatile player on the Brownies. He provides the Brownies with a lot on defense, but he has also been a part of special teams at times and was once the Brownies' kicker.

If Agawam gets past South Hadley on Friday night, they would take on the winner of the Chicopee Comp versus Wahconah semifinal game. They would either host Comp or travel to Wahconah. Wahconah shut out Agawam in last year's championship game.

Kickoff between Agawam and South Hadley is at 7 p.m. at Harmon A. Smith Field.

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middle and headed up the left side with a defender closely following.

She was able to get near the end line and curved in toward the goal. She kicked the ball high toward the goal, with the ball resembling a cross to the right post. But the kick carried over the goalie's head and into the right side of the goal.

Agawam continued to keep up the pressure with time waning in the first half. On a corner kick, Brittany Busco put the ball right in the middle of the goalie box. The two teams boxed the ball around before Graves got a single touch, popping the ball over the goalie and into the net to tie the score 3-3 with five seconds left before halftime.

The Brownies continued to have the possession advantage throughout

second half, but could not find the right combination to put the ball in the net. Northampton's defense put a lot of pressure on the Brownies and closed every hole Agawam tried to create. They also defended very well on all of Agawam's corner kick oppor-

Northampton would score with about seven minutes to go in the game on a re-direct by Sierra Loomis. The ball was kicked from the far right. Loomis got a touch on it and put it past Beach for the eventual game-winner.

Ramos is very optimistic about the team's future following the loss.

"We are definitely going to miss our seniors, especially with Sarah getting the two goals," said Ramos. "But we have some great young talent, including Alyssa (Montagna), that have stepped up this season."



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Julia Serra tries to get the offense going for Agawam.



Katelyn Grasso tries to fake out her opponent.



Jackie Nielsen tries to head off Northampton's Sierra Loomis.



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Pastor: Rick Donofrio

SERVICES

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152 South Westfield St. Feeding Hills 789-2026

SUNDAY SERVICES

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David L. Short, Pastor

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Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

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1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills (413) 786-8200 www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org Fr. Steven Amo

WEEKLY SERVICES

Lord's Day Masses: Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. Confessions: Saturdays, 3:15 p.m. Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. Special Devotions: Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart following the Friday 9 a.m. Mass

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www.stdavidsagawam.org.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Holy Eucha-

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823 Main St., Agawam 786-8105 in fo@stjohnevangelist church.org.www.stjohnagawam.org

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturdays: 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. (Labor Day to Memorial Day)

Saturdays: 5 p.m. (Memorial Day to Labor Day)

Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:15 p.m. to

Weekdays - Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri., 8

Thursday - Communion Service



DEATH NOTICES & SERVICES

Goyette, Patricia C. Died Nov. 1, 2014 Funeral Nov. 6, 2014

Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home West Springfield

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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

Catholic Women to meet Nov. 10

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its Communion Supper Monday, Nov. 10. The Mass will begin at 6 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church. Dinner will follow at 7:15 p.m. at the Monte Carlo Restaurant in West Springfield. The guest speaker for the evening will be Sal

A special tea cup exchange will be a part of this event, so those attending are encourage to bring a new tea cup to the meeting to participate.

For more information, members may call Paula Raiche at 413-786-8105.

Upcoming events at Hope Community Church

Hope Community Church, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, has announced the following upcoming events.

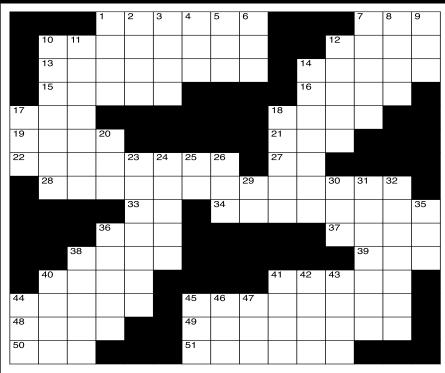
Friday, Nov. 21: Junior Youth Group for children in grades 3 through 6.

Sunday, Nov. 23: 11:30 a.m., After the service, a presentation during discussion time by the Freemans on their ministry, "Between Bridges."

Wednesday, Dec. 3: 6:30 p.m., Women's Advent Service Wednesday, Dec. 31: 11 p.m., Christmas Eve service

The small groups and Sunday school classes begun. For more information on all events and services, visit hopechurchagawam.org.





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- 12. Tear down 13. Propose for
- office 14. Yiddish expert 15. Great ape of
- Borneo 16. Arab outer garments
- 17. Hundredweight
- 18. The Muse of history
- 19. Neutralizes alkalis 21. Mortar trough 22. Lapsed into bad
- habits 27. Potato State
- 28. DeGeneres' partner
- 33. Egyptian sun god 34. Makes more precise
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- 37. Expresses pleasure __ Nui, Easter

noise

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- 40. Speed competition 41. Artist's tripod
- 44. Records 45. A witty reply 48. The content of
- cognition 49. Mohs scale measure 50. __ student,
- learns healing 51. Put in advance
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- 3. Group of criminals

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- 5. Vietnamese offensive 6. A lyric poem
- 7. Philippine seaport & gulf 8. Utilizes
- 9. Lair 10. Covering of
- snow 11. Covered walkway 12. Overzealous
- 14. Stench 17. Compartment
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Bangladesh

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composer

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44. Not bright

45. Rated

bridge engineer

(texting)

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38. Tore down

41. American

42. "Rule

30. Resort 31. Members of

32. Smokes

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Business

Berkshire, Hampden banks to merge

Two local banks serving the Agawam area, Berkshire Bank and Hampden Bank, will merge next year.

Pittsfield-based Berkshire Hills Bancorp Inc. and Springfield-based Hampden Bancorp Inc., the parent companies of the two banks, announced Nov. 4 that they have signed a definitive merger agreement under which Berkshire will acquire Hampden in an all-stock transaction valued at approximately \$109 million.

In a news release, the banks said the merger "is expected to create efficiencies, strategic growth and market share benefits for the consolidated operations of the two banks."

Asked whether the merger would mean consolidation and closure of local branches, Ali O'Rourke, vice president and investor relations officer for Berkshire Bank, noted that the merger is not expected to take effect until the second quarter of 2015.

"It's still very early in the process and no decisions have been made," O'Rourke said. "We will be evaluating these things over the next several months. Both Berkshire and Hampden have an established presence in the Pioneer Valley and customers of both banks will enjoy the benefits and convenience of additional branches in the region when the merger closes."

Berkshire Bank operates a branch in Feeding Hills at 1359 Springfield St., part of a network of 11 locations in greater Springfield, which include one in Southwick, one in Springfield and several in Westfield. Berkshire reports \$627 million in deposits in this area. Berkshire Bank has a total of approximately \$6.4 billion in assets and 91 full-service branch offices in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and

Vermont.

Hampden Bank, established in 1852, has 10 branches in greater Springfield, including one at 820 Suffield St., Agawam, and locations in Longmeadow, Springfield and West Springfield. The bank reported \$508 million in net loans and \$490 million in deposits as of Sept. 30.

"This in-market partnership will create a strong platform for serving our combined customers, while producing attractive returns for both our existing shareholders and the new shareholders from Hampden joining us in this transaction," said Michael Daly, president and CEO of Berkshire. "We will move into the top 5 position in deposit market share and plan to use this opportunity to further capitalize on our strong product set and culture of customer engagement. This merger complements our expansion initiatives in Central Massachusetts and Hartford, a combined market area that is the second largest in New England."

Glenn Welch, president and CEO of Hampden, said both banks "share rich histories, consistent core values and a strong commitment to customers and communities. ... We are delighted to be joining the Berkshire franchise."

The definitive agreement has been approved by the unanimous votes of the boards of directors of both companies. Consummation of the agreement is subject to the approval of Hampden's shareholders, as well as state and federal regulatory agencies.

Two Hampden directors will be appointed to Berkshire's board of directors and Welch will join Berkshire as regional president for the Pioneer Valley and Connecticut.

For more information, visit berkshirebank.com and hampdenbank.com.

RIBBON CUT AT COOPER'S



Submitted photo

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Oct. 4 at Cooper's Commons, 159 Main St., Agawam. Assisting owner Kate Gourde, center, are Mayor Richard Cohen, left, and state Sen. Don Humason.

Heritage Hall to host bazaar, craft fair

The Heritage Hall Annual Holiday Bazaar will take place Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in all five buildings of the campus. This event is a great opportunity for shoppers to get an early start for the holiday and will include dozens of vendors, crafters as well as baked goods, Christmas items, jewelry, cosmetics, can-

dles, artwork, and much more. Admission is free. Lunch is available in all five buildings.

The Heritage Hall campus is located off 462 Main St., or 55 Cooper St., in Agawam. For more information or directions, call 789-8332 or email nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.

Legal Notices

AGAWAM
ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS
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October 20, 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Conference Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 6:30PM for all parties interested in the appeal of Salmar Realty, LLC. which is seeking to amend a previously granted special permit (Case #1921, dated December 9, 2013) to allow for an outdoor patio at the premises identified as 385-389 Main Street.

Doreen Prouty Chairperson Agawam Board of Appeals 11/6,11/13/14

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 6:40 PM at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the

Request for Determination of Applicability of Calabrese for property located on Samuel Street.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman
Agawam Conservation
Commission

11/6/14

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD14P2182EA
Estate of:
Glenn Clark Hiltpold
Date of Death: July 4, 2014
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Glenn R. Hiltpold** of Wakefield MA.

Glenn R. Hiltpold of Wakefield MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Pro-

bate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD14P2089PM
In the matter of:
Maura Rosner
Of: Agawam, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/
Minor)
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION

FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,

§5-304 & 5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Patricia Salisbury** of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Maura Rosner** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Ellen Sherin** of Wynnewood, PA (or some other suitable person be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 11/14/2014. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to

file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 16, 2014

Suzanne T. Seguin Register of Probate 11/6/14

> AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 6:50 PM at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Soja for property located on Federal Street.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman
Agawam Conservation
Commission

11/6/14

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Verizon Wireless for property located at 491 Mill Street.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman
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Friday, Nov. 7

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL'S APPLAUSE SERIES continues at the Agawam Public Library. Sally Matson will stage her one-woman presentation, Margaret Bourke-White: Courageous Photographer, about the life and career of America's original star photographer. This and all Applause Series events are free. More information is available at www.agawamcc.org.

AGAWAM ROBOTICS will host a fundraising ziti dinner at Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street with servings from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person, \$5 for children 9 and under and free for children 6 and under. For more information, visit www.agawamrobotics.org.

AGAWAM BOY SCOUT TROOP 77 will hold a benefit auction beginning at 6 p.m. at St. John's Church Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam. An auction preview will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Snacks available for purchase. For more information, call Bill Tessicini at 413-789-0540.

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER OF WESTERN MASS., 56 Margaret St., Springfield, will host a showing of "Benvenuti al Sud." Doors open at 6 p.m., followed by the movie at 7 p.m. Donation is \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members and includes beverage and snack. For more information, visit www.iccwm.org or email iccwm@comcast.net.

Saturday, Nov. 8

THE HERITAGE HALL ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in all five buildings, located at 462 Main St. and 55 Cooper St. This event will include dozens of vendors, crafters and baked goods, Christmas items, jewelry, cosmetics, candles, artwork, and more. Admission is free. Lunch is available.

Sunday, Nov. 9

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. For more information, contact Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a "mini tour" at 1 p.m., led by Robin Stolk, D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts, focusing on "New-impressionism." The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free, onsite parking is available.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will host a blood drive from 2 to 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. For more information, call 786-3091.

IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY, the Springfield Museums is offering free general admission to current or retired members of the military. Respondents must show a military ID documenting that they are active duty, retired, or reserve from Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or National Guard.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

THE AGAWAM COMMUNITY ART-ISTS AND ARTISANS will host Nancy Howard, watercolor artist, at 6:30 p.m. in the community room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children.

A BLOOD DRIVE will be held at the Elm Belcher Masonic Lodge, 53 River St., Agawam from 3 to 7 p.m. Donors will receive a voucher for a free spaghetti dinner to be held at the lodge that evening. The voucher may be used for a future spaghetti dinner as well. Walk-ins are welcome.

Thursday, Nov. 13

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Illusions, Tricks and Deceptions in Art" featuring Gloria Russell, art historian and critic, at 12:15 p.m. in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Saturday, Nov. 15

A HOLIDAY CRAFT FEST will be held at Faith United Church, 52 Sumner Ave., Springfield from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is the perfect opportunity to support local craftspeople and get a head start on holiday shopping. A luncheon will be available for purchase from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the mission projects of the church.

Sunday, Nov. 16

THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB will hold its Annual Harvest Breakfast from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, 478 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for children under 12 and are available at Southgate Liquors on Suffield Street, at On the Hill Restaurant in Feeding Hills and at the door.

Monday, Nov. 17

THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY will host Bette Isacoff, author of Star Crossed, at 7 p.m., as part of its continuing "Author-Talk" series. Star Crossed speaks to young men and women considering an interfaith relationship. To register for this event, call 413-789-1550 or visit www.agawamlibrary. org. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERTS at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield will feature Mary Brown Bonacci, soprano, and David Garrido Cid on piano, at 10:30 a.m. Free refreshments are provided after the performances. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield or John Karalekas, TMMC president, Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield 01138.

Saturday, Nov. 22

ST. JOHN'S HOLIDAY BAZAAR will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the parish center, 833 Main St., Agawam. The bazaar will feature Christmas wreaths, decorations, a bake sale, candy booth and a jewelry booth. Snacks will be available for purchase

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPARD, 214 Elm St., West Springfield, will hold its annual Shepherd's Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring local vendors and crafters.

ONGOING

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BLOOD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Agawam Senior Center conference room. A light dinner is served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

A BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:15 p.m. at office of Maryann Paleologopoulos LICSW, Inc., 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam (at the rotary). Refreshments served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL

CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets the third Thursday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the office of Maryann Paleologopoulos LICSW, Inc., 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam (at the rotary). Refreshments served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

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'War of the Worlds' at the Red Door

On Halloween night 1938, Orson Welles and his Mercury Theater on the Air dramatized H.G. Wells' Martian invasion fantasy "War of the Worlds" in a radio broadcast. The program was presented so realistically (for that time) and effectively that at least a million Americans listened in and thousands were panic-stricken by what they heard.

The Hilltop Players at the Red Door Theatre will present a staged reading of that historic radio play on Friday, Nov. 7, for one show only at 7:30 p.m. Reactions to the event through true personal stories will be interspersed throughout the

"broadcast."

This unique presentation performed with scripts as it may have been done at the CBS studios in 1938 features Red Door veteran actors Marilene and Steve Allen, Olivia and Tony Curd, Nancy Klueh, Lou Kochanek, Megan and Aaron Banks-Pearsons, Jaime and Lyle Pearsons, Sean Rose, Jack Seaver and Margie Secora.

All tickets are \$12. Reservations may be made by calling 413-789-2026. For more information on the Red Door Theatre and its many theatrical activities for all ages, go to www.reddoortheatre.com.



Submitted photo

John Winkler, president of Six Flags New England, left, stands with the new information kiosk at the Riverwalk and Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen.

SIX FLAGS DONATES KIOSK TO RIVERWALK

Six Flags New England recently designed and constructed a new information kiosk for Agawam's Riverwalk. The kiosk is a three-sided structure with an asphalt roof and locked display cabinets to contain information about the multi-use trail, as well as news of upcoming events for bicyclists and pedestrians. It is located adjacent to the River Road parking lot for the Riverwalk. This kiosk replaces a previous structure that succumbed to the elements and had become a target for vandals.

"I wish to thank John Winkler and Six Flags New England for their continued generosity to Agawam," said Mayor Richard Cohen. "The kiosk they supplied at the River Road bike path is greatly appreciated."

Deborah Dachos, Agawam's planning director, worked with Six Flags on this project.

"The new kiosk is a tremendous asset to the Riverwalk," she said. "The Six Flags crew incorporated all the design components we requested and the workmanship is excellent. The new kiosk will be part of our efforts to promote bicycle and pedestrian activities in town."

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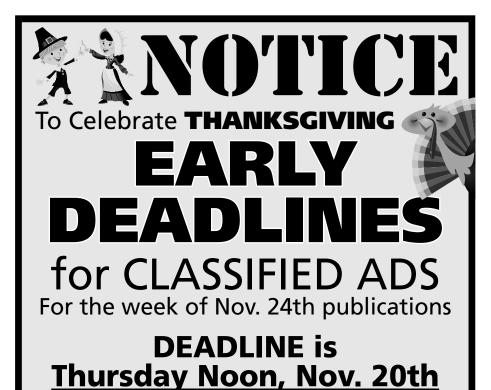
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Local officials attend Rotary UN Day

Each year at Rotary UN Day, more than 1,300 Rotarians including many Rotary International directors, foundation trustees, past senior leader and guests come together at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The program is designed to inspire and educate all participants as well as provide insight into the relationship between Rotary and the United Nations.

Among those in attendance at this year's event, held Nov. 1, were Agawam Rotary President Gina Letellier and Past President George Bitzas. Attendees took part in all-day discussion sessions for economic development, human trafficking, women's health and peace and conflict resolution.

This event also offered an opportunity to visit to the UN Headquarters in New York City and participate in panel discussions featuring leaders and officials from the United Nations, UN-affiliated nongovernmental organizations and Rotary International.



Submitted photo

Gina Letellier and George Bitzas were among 1,300 Rotarians to take part in Rotary UN Day in New York City.

Author discusses 'Star Crossed'

The Agawam Public Library will host Bette Isacoff, author of "Star Crossed," Monday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., as part of its continuing "Author-Talk" series.

"Star Crossed" speaks to young men and women considering an interfaith relationship. It challenges the old order embraced by their parents and it is a nostalgic look back to a simpler time.

When Bette met Richard in 1968, he was a 17-year-old Jewish kid. She was a 21-year-old Catholic college senior, doing a student teaching practicum at his high school. They were engaged seven weeks later.

This couple faced four challenges to their impending marriage: religion, age, education level and the times — Jews and Catholic rarely married "outside." But the harder their families tried to pull them apart, the tighter they clung together. They have been together over 45 years.

To register for this event, call 413-789-1550 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

St. John's to host holiday bazaar

St. John's Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the parish center, 833 Main St., Agawam. The bazaar will feature Christmas wreaths, decorations, a bake sale, candy booth and a jewelry booth.

Anyone looking for a unique and unusual gift will be sure to find it at the "Attic Treasures" booth. There are books for the young and old, as well as toys, bountiful baskets and raffles

Snacks will be available for purchase.

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Veterans & Financial Seminar

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Seating is limited so please RSVP with which time you prefer to 781-1282

Please join us along with presenters Gary Szewczyk & Nick Manolakis

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